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The Honorable Senator Brenner
The Ohio Senate, 135th General Assembly
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To our elected representatives to the Ohio Senate, serving on the Education Committee; as one who you represent, I would like to take this opportunity to express my full support of Senate Bill 17; the inclusion of Free-Market Capitalism in Ohio education standards.

The United States of America, as the 'light on the top of the hill,' offering the promise of self-fulfillment through education and commitment; the country that others from around the world sacrifice much to come and fulfill their aspirations, our children should be grounded in the knowledge of the system that provides these possibilities.

I teach at a local, public university in its Educational Leadership department, a core curriculum requirement that captures a diverse representation of the student body. In the Spring of 2022, I took an informal survey of my students regarding the concepts of socialism as opposed to a free-market system of economics. Every one of my students remembered discussing socialism and its economic impact on society but not one remembered any discussion regarding the impact &/or benefits of a free market.

The idea that the beneficiaries of this great country and its noble experiment of democracy should be denied the benefit of understanding capitalism, as a free-market system, is unconscionable.

I want to express my deep gratitude to you all for turning your attention and efforts to addressing this error.

My best regard, humbly submitted,



Jenny Shafer Kilgore